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SUBJ: IAEA REQUEST FOR SAFEGUARDS ADP EXPERTS

REF: IAEA VIENNA 3079

1. MISSION WAS REQUESTED BY EARLIER SEPTELS TO NOMINATE JOSEPH NARDI AND JOHN WOOTEN AT P-4 LEVEL FOR ONE-YEAR ASSIGNMENTS TO IAEA SAFEGUARDS ADP PROJECT, COMMENCING IN JUNE 1976.

2. IN CONNECTION WITH SPECIAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BEING DEVELOPED BY IAEA FOR TRANSMITTAL TO NOMINEES, BOTH MEN HAVE SERIOUS RESERVATIONS RE ALLOWANCE FOR SHIPMENT HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS AS REFERRED TO IN REFTEL AND HAVE REQUESTED CONSIDERATION OF A HIGHER ALLOWANCE. ERDA UNDERSTANDS NOMINEES HAVE MADE SERIOUS EFFORT TO HOLD SHIPMENTS WITHIN AUTHORIZED ALLOWANCE FOR SUCH ONE YEAR ASSIGNMENTS, AND SUPPORTS THEIR REQUESTS FOR RELIEF.

3. MISSION WILL RECALL SAME QUESTION WAS RAISED IN CONNECTION ONE-YEAR ASSIGNMENTS OF BENNETT AND MANN, ALTHOUGH WE HAD EXPECTED THOSE ASSIGNMENTS TO BE EXTENDED. AS RESULT, MISSION DISCUSSION WITH AGENCY RESULTED IN APPROVAL TO SHIP EFFECTS AS IF THOSE ASSIGNMENTS WERE FOR TWO
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YEARS.

4. IN PRESENT CASE, WE NOTE AGENCY ALLOWANCE FOR ONE YEAR ASSIGNMENT IS CONSIDERABLY LOWER THAN HALF THE ALLOWANCE FOR A TWO-YEAR ASSIGNMENT. ACCORDINGLY, MISSION IS REQUESTED TO RAISE THIS MATTER WITH AGENCY AND SUPPORT HIGHER ALLOWANCE (I.E., 900 CUBIC FEET OR 2000 KILOGRAMS) WHICH IS ABOUT HALF THE ALLOWANCE FOR A TWO-YEAR ASSIGNMENT. IN REPLYING, ADVISE WHETHER SHIPMENT CAN BE SPLIT BETWEEN SEA/AIR, ALTHOUGH IN THIS CASE, NEITHER NOMINEE HAS YET RAISED THIS POINT. WE UNDERSTAND, OF COURSE, THAT IF AGENCY IS AGREEABLE TO HIGHER ALLOWANCE, COSTS WOULD BE INCLUDED IN TOTAL COSTS OF THE TWO ASSIGNMENTS WHICH WILL BE FUNDED FROM CY 76 FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS ACTIVITIES.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION EFFORTS IN THIS CASE, RECOGNIZING THAT WE WILL MOST LIKELY HAVE SIMILAR PROBLEM IN FUTURE YEARS AS U.S. EXPERTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE FOR ONE-YEAR ASSIGNMENTS TO SAFEGUARDS OR OTHER ACTIVITIES. BASIC PROBLEM IS THAT U.S. FAMILIES (WITH CHILDREN) ON ONE-YEAR ASSIGNMENT TO VIENNA NEED TAKE FEW MORE ITEMS THAN THREE WORDROBE CASES OF CLOTHING. KISSINGER

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